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This is a clarification to the Psychotherapy Bulletin Volume 29 Number 26, dated January 16, 2007, regarding Individual Therapy for children age 3 through 4 years.

These limitations apply to children whose Psychology/Counseling services must **currently** be prior authorized (PA). Please reference Section 1 of the <u>Psychology/Counseling Provider Manual</u> for a list of the applicable Medical Eligibility (ME) codes. This policy does not apply to those children in state custody or those children receiving Medicaid through an Adoption Subsidy.

There is no change to the PA requirement for Individual Interactive Therapy or Family Therapy without the Patient Present regardless of placement.

Provider Bulletins are available on the DMS Web site at http://dss.mo.gov/dms/providers/pages/bulletins.htm. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the provider manuals as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

Missouri Medicaid News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the DMS Web site at http://dss.missouri.gov/dms/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official Missouri Medicaid communications via E-mail.

MC+ Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MC+ Fee-for-Service
- Medicaid Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MC+ Managed Care

Questions regarding MC+ Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MC+ Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MC+ card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One.

Provider Communications Hotline 573-751-2896